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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/611,768
Applicant(s) : Stefan Thiem
Filed : July 1, 2003
Title : Drive System For An Apparatus For Staining Specimens

TC/A.U. : 1743
Examiner : Brian R. Gordon

Docket No. : 37105.0051

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2006. A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, and a check in the amount of \$450.00 as payment of the extension fee, are enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include two enclosed replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.